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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1736

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 15, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Dental Hygienists.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Buck

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill allows a dental hygienist who holds an endorsement from the Board of Dentistry (the Board) to administer local anesthesia for dental procedures while under the direct on-premises supervision of a licensed dentist.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary-* The impact to state expenditures for the Board to provide dental hygienist endorsements for administration of local anesthesia would be minimal, unless the Board developed an examination to test applicants for hygienist anesthesia administration. The cost to develop a separate examination is currently indeterminable. Expiration of the proposed endorsement would be tied to the expiration of a hygienist license. The bill does not require the Board to establish rules for endorsements. The bill does not provide procedures for the Board to discipline a hygienist administering anesthesia outside the provisions of the bill.

Background- As of December 2006, there were 3,999 dental hygienists licensed. Under current law and rule, licensed dentists may apply for a permit to administer either general anesthesia-deep sedation (GADS) or light parenteral conscious sedation (LPCS). Permits are \$50 each. As of December 2006, there were 193 active dental anesthesia permits.

Explanation of State Revenues: The bill does not require the establishment of any fees that a dental hygienist or employer dentist may be charged for endorsement to administer local anesthesia.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Board of Dentistry.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Professional Licensing Agency.

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